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In re Application of:

H. Michael WENZ

Serial No.: 09/724,755

Group Art Unit: 1637

Filed: November 28, 2000

Examiner: J. Fredman

For: METHODS FOR DETECTING  
TARGET NUCLEIC ACIDS  
USING COUPLED LIGATION  
AND AMPLIFICATION

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**PETITION FOR FOURTH MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

Applicants hereby petition for a four month extension of time to extend the period for filing an Appeal Brief to September 11, 2003. A fee of \$1,450.00 is enclosed.

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